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Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 11/17/08 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant's primarily assert the following:

A. Applicant's assert that a relational mapper embodied in a machine-readable medium and operable to translate the relational query received through the relational interface from the software application, to native protocol messages according to an access protocol associated with the network device is not disclosed. In particular applicant's assert that there to translate the relational query received through the relational interface from the software application, to native protocol messages according to an access protocol associated with the network device is not disclosed.

In response, the examiner respectfully disagrees. Applicant's appear to mainly assert that the limitation is not taught because a translation does not occur. Col. 6 lines 54-58 discloses the database manages data tables that store information sets that define what needs to be collected from devices in the network 108, and the information needed by the collection engine 20 to interpret the information collected from the network 108. Further disclosing col. 7 lines 24-26, the collection engine using a function call that requests the collection engine using a function call that requests the collection engine to collect data from a particular network device. Accordingly, the collection engine interprets the request. Applicant's further assert that there is no native protocol according to an access protocol, and therefore the limitation is not disclosed. Col. 7

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lines 30-32, in response to the collection request the collection engine enters state 2, in which it sends an SNMP message over the network to the network device. Accordingly, to a native protocol messages (SNMP messages queries) according to an access protocol (SNMP, col. 1 line 26).

In regards to the limitation, a relational mapper embodied in a machine-readable medium (figure 1 element 102, network management server) and operable to translate (figure 2 states 1-3; col. 6 lines 54-58, interprets) the relational query (col. 7 lines 27-28, collection request) received through the relational interface (figure 1 element 102, network management server) from the software application (col. 7 line 24, application program), to native protocol messages (col. 7 lines 30-32, SNMP message query) according to an access protocol (SNMP, simple network management protocol, col. 1 line 26) associated with the network device (figure 1 element 118).

The claims are therefore deemed broad enough to be disclosed by the cited reference. The rejection is therefore maintained.